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claimed and for which a patent is sought on the  
10 invention entitled MODULAR CONNECTION FOR ORTHOPEDIC  
COMPONENT, the specification of which was filed on  
July 20, 2001, accorded Serial No. 09/909,929, and is  
identified by Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-2.

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20 Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e), of (1) United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,955, filed 07/20/00 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for MODULAR ORTHOPEDIC CONNECTION (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-1 PROV); and (2) United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/219,963, filed 07/20/00 by Alfred S. Despres III et al. for FORCE COUPLE CONNECTION (Attorney's Docket No. HAYES-2 PROV).

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